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From: Howard

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Subject: Ontario Concrete Pipe Association Request to appear before City of London Civic Works Committee on November 12

Dear Mayor Fontana,

It was a pleasure to see you at the AMO Conference in Ottawa in August and meet with you on June 28th at your office in London with Gerry Mulhern, Executive Director, Ontario Concrete Pipe Association and Bob Brown, President of Coldstream Concrete in Ilderton.

As we discussed in London and Ottawa, we would like to take you up on your offer to make a presentation to the City of London Civic Works Committee.

I understand, from your office, there is a Civic Works committee meeting on November 12 and I would appreciate if you could put Mr. Mulhern and Mr Brown on your agenda for that day.

They would require at least 15 to 20 minutes, but I think the Committee will find them very helpful as I think you did when we met with you in June.

Mr. Mulhern and Mr. Brown would like share with the committee the economic development opportunities in the London area in supporting concrete pipe manufacturing. This is particular important in light of the Catepillar plant closing.

Mr. Mulhern would also like to discuss the safety of your underground drainage systems to avoid situations similar to the September 4th sink hole in Ottawa which resulted in the closure of the ramp on Highway 174 for 12 days.

As you may have seen, Mr. Mulhern was interviewed extensively across Canada on that situation.

Mr. Mulhern and the Ontario Concrete Pipe Association are based out of southwestern Ontario, as you may remember.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the structure, integrity and safety of concrete products with the committee.

We look forward to hearing back from City Clerk Cathy Saunders, who we have copied on this email, as suggested by your office.

Many thanks for all your help.

We look forward to continuing our work with you as we move to make our communities safer.

Best regards,
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